*Koran in Law Courts.*

279 *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date of the Government order directing the Courts of Law to keep the copies of the Holy Koran locked up in separate boxes :

(*b*) whether there is any provision in the same Government order to the effect that the copies of the Holy Koran will be totally removed from all the Courts after a certain period ; and

(*c*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the same Government Order ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 8th October 1927.

(*b*) The order was to the effect that if it was found that no Muslims called for the Koran in Courts for three years, the question of withdrawing the sacred volume from the Courts would be considered.

(*c*) A copy of G. O. R. O. C. No. 6058 of 27/Judl., dated the 8th October 1927, is laid on the table.

*Prohibition of procession with tom-tom in front of places of worship.*

280 *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a prayer in the report submitted to Government by the non-official Muslim Committee who enquired into the firing by the Police at the Mosque at Quilon, for the passing of a Regulation prohibiting processions with *tom-tom* in front of all places of worship of every community in the State ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to state the nature of the action taken by Government on the same ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise.

*Godown rent from the Tobacco Licensees.*

281 *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amounts collected in the shape of godown rent from the tobacco licensees at the tobacco bankshalls at Quilon and Alleppey during the year 1109 ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) :

| | | Rs. | Chs. | C. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quilon | ... | 9,408 | 7 | 12 |
| Alleppey | ... | 4,110 | 8 | 11 |

*Motor Bus and railway fares between Trivandrum and Shencotta.*

282 *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are motor buses plying for hire between Trivandrum and Shencotta ; and

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(*b*) if so, how the motor fare for passengers compares with the third class railway fare between Trivandrum and Shencotta?

**MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR** (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The present bus fare is Re. 1.

The 3rd class railway fare is Re. 1-as. 12-ps. 9.

*Pokkuvaravu Cases.*

283 ***MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of *pokkuvaravu* cases pending disposal in Shertala; and

(*b*) the average length of time of the pendency of these cases?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) 516 at the end of Edavam 1110.

(*b*) 13 days.

*Teaching of Hindi in Schools.*

284 ***SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): With reference to the resolution passed in the Travancore Legislative Council on 25-12-1106, about the teaching of Hindi in the schools of the State, will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to implement the resolution?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The resolution, which recommended that Hindi be made a compulsory subject in classes V to VII of the Vernacular Schools and Forms IV to VI of the English High Schools of the State, was not accepted by the Government owing to certain practical difficulties and for reasons explained in G. O. D. Dis. No. 1491 of 31/Edn., dated the 25th December 1931. Provision was, however, made for the teaching of Hindi as one of the Second Languages for the English School Leaving Certificate Examination: and from the beginning of the current academic year it is being taught as such in Form IV in the Sri Mula Vilasom School, Trivandrum.

*Mineral resources of the State.*

285 * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any definite scheme of utilising the mineral resources of the State has been received by the Government from their Geological Experts or from the Department of Industries; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been or is proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

**MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is under the consideration of Government.

*Complaints against Mr. E. I. Mathew.*

286 ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Governmenbe pleased to state whether they are aware that there were serious complaints against Mr. E. I. Mathew, the Director of Registration, while he was the Anchal Superintendent?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*): No.

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